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SUBJ: JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR, NEW SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
SECRETARY GENERAL IN CYPRUS

REF: NICOSIA'S 2772

1. AMB JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR WAS APPOINTED THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS ON 18 SEPTEMBER
1975. HE HAS BEEN PERUVIAN PERMREP AT THE UN SINCE FEBRUARY
1971. HE ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1944 AND SERVED
IN PARIS, LONDON, LA PAZ AND RIO DE JANEIRO; WAS AMBASSADOR
TO SWITZERLAND; SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND
PERU'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW (SERVING CONCURRENTLY IN
WARSAW) FROM 1969 TO EARLY 1971. HE HAS TAUGHT DIPLOMATIC
LAW IN PERU AND WRITTEN A MANUAL ON INTERNATIONAL LAW. (A
COPY OF UN BIOGRAPHIC PRESS RELEASE BEING POUCHED TO AMEMBASSY
NICOSIA)

2. AMB PEREZ DE CUELLAR IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, RESOURCEFUL
AND HARD WORKING. ONCE REPORTED TO BE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO OVERLY
CLOSE DEPENDENCE ON THE US AND A FIRM BELIEVER IN NON-ALIGNMENT
HE HAS HAD WARM AND COOPERATIVE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK. HE HAS SERVED PERU LOYALLY,
BUT HAS LET HIS FRIENDS KNOW THAT HE IS LESS LEFT-LEANING
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THAN HIS GOVERNMENT AND HAS AT TIMES BEEN ABLE TO MODERATE

SOME OF GOP'S MORE EXTREME POSITIONS. HE HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLICIES. AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DURING LONG AND HARD MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, HE EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE PARTIES AND ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR HIS IMPARTIALITY.

3. GENERALLY THOUGHT A FRANCOPHILE, PEREZ HAS A FRENCH WIFE (WHO IS VERY QUIET AND IN POOR HEALTH) AND TWO CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS FRENCH, ENGLISH, PORTUGUESE AND ITALIAN, AND HAS STUDIED RUSSIAN. HE COLLECTS LITERATURE AND PAINTINGS. MOYNIHAN

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